

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement dated March 27, 2006, applicants elect Group III, for examination with traverse. Applicants traverse on the grounds that under the Administrative Instructions of the PCT, a peptide and its encoding nucleic acid sequence do have unity of invention. Moreover, the dependent claims of the present invention share the same technical feature of independent claim 17 and there is no undue burden therefore to examine all of these claims.

Sequence Listing

Applicants filed a sequence listing on March 11, 2005. In this sequence listing, SEQ ID NO: 31 is identified as an amino acid sequence. Therefore, there is no need to separately submit the encoded amino acid sequence in a sequence listing.

Information Disclosure Statement

A first IDS was filed June 28, 2004, citing seven references, a second on May 31, 2005, citing five references, a third on August 10, 2005, citing five references, a fourth on November 2, 2005, citing one reference, and a fifth on May 31, 2006, citing one reference. The Examiner is respectfully requested to return an initialed copy of the related Forms SB-08 with the next communication from the PTO.

Drawings

The present application was filed with formal drawings. Acceptance of these drawings by checking the appropriate box in the Notice of Allowability or the Office Action Summary is respectfully requested in the next communication from the Examiner.

Priority Document

The Notice of Defective Response dated February 15, 2005 indicates that the USPTO is in receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. Acknowledgement of receipt of the certified copy of the priority document is respectfully requested in the next communication from the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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